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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: COMMITTEE 4: CHAIRMAN JOKA-BANGURA'S

CLOSING REMARKS

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY IN EXTENSO OF DECEMBER 11 STATEMENT
OF COMMITTEE 4 CHAIRMAN FAMAH JOKA-BANGURA (SIERRA LEONE):
QUOTE

THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF DECISIONS
TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC TERRITORIES
HAD COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF
THE SITUATIONS PREVAILING IN THOSE TERRITORIES, WITH THE
ACTIVE CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION OF MOST OF THE ADMINISTERING
POWERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE RELATED WORK OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE OF 24. IT WOULD BE RECALLED IN THAT SAME
CONTEXT THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAD NOTED THE OUTSTANDING
RESULTS OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY SEVERAL VISITING
MISSIONS DISPATCHED IN THE RECENT PAST BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE,
AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, NEW
ZEALAND, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, TO
TERRITORIES UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATION.

IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT THAT ENCOURAGING TREND HAD BEEN BROUGHT
ABOUT AS A CONSEQUENCE, ON THE ONE HAND, OF THE INTENSIFIED COMMITMENT

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ON THE PART OF MEMBER STATES TO ENSURE THAT THE GENUINE WISHES

AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE COLONIAL TERRITORIES WERE EXPRESSED FULLY AND FREELY REGARDING THEIR FUTURE STATUS AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, OF THE INCREASING RECOGNITION AND REALIZATION ON THE PART OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER STATES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THOSE TERRITORIES OF THE POSITIVE ROLE WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS HAD PLAYED AND COULD PLAY IN FACILITATING AN ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION. IT WAS EQUALLY CLEAR THAT THAT TREND TOWARDS FULL CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION MUST BE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED

AND SUSTAINED AT ALL COST, IF THE WORLD COMMUNITY WAS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE GUARDIAN FOR THE PARAMOUNTCY OF THE INTERESTS OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE COLONIAL TERRITORIES UNTIL THEY HAD ATTAINED A FULL MEASURE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE. SHE WISHED TO EXPRESS THE EARNEST HOPE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD SOON RECEIVE, ESPECIALLY IN THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, THE REQUISITE CO-OPERATION OF THE VERY ADMINISTERING POWER WHICH AS A MEMBER OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, HAD ITSELF WITNESSED THE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THAT BODY AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AND COLLABORATION IN ITS WORK OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITIES OF TRUST TERRITORIES, AS WELL AS SPECIAL AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

SPEAKING OF THE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TERRITORIES, SHE SAID THAT IT MIGHT PERHAPS BE APPROPRIATE TO OBSERVE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS STOOD TO GAIN MUCH IN ITS EFFORTS TO ASSIST THOSE PEOPLE BY THE DIRECT CONTRIBUTION OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO ITS WORK. SHE WAS SURE THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO DWELL ON THAT POINT EXTENSIVELY AS IT HAD BEEN BORNE OUT PATENTLY THROUGH THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN THE COMMITTEE BY BOTH THE PREMIER AND THE DEPUTY PREMIER OF BELIZE AND ALSO, AT THE LEVEL OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, BY SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF MINISTER AND ANOTHER CABINET MINISTER FROM THE SEYCHELLES IN 1975, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GILBERT ISLANDS, TUVALU, GUAM AND THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, IN PREVIOUS YEARS. SHE WAS MORE THAN EVER CONVINCED

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THAT THE DIRECT ASSOCIATION OF THE PEOPLES OF THE COLONIAL TERRITORIES

IN THE RELEVANT WORK OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WAS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROMOTING THE PROGRESS OF THOSE PEOPLES TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THEIR ASPIRATIONS, AND THAT THE ADMINISTERING POWERS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO THAT END.

IT WAS PARTICULARLY SATISFYING TO NOTE THEREFORE THAT, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED, OF THE 14 SETS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED BY THE COMMITTEE RELATING TO SPECIFIC TERRITORIES OUTSIDE THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA, ONLY TWO HAD RECEIVED THE NEGATIVE VOTE OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER CONCERNED. IT WAS TO BE HOPED THAT THOSE ADMINISTERING POWERS WOULD FIND A WAY TO RECONSIDER THEIR APPROACHES TO THE MATTERS RAISED IN THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS- TRUE TO THEIR PLEDGE AND THEIR DECLARED COMMITMENT TO THE OBLIGATION THEY HAD ACCEPTED AS A SACRED TRUST TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THOSE TERRITORIES.

A REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT DURING THE CURRENT SESSION HAD BEEN THE UNANIMOUS EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE IN THE RESOLUTION FORMULATED BY THE COMMITTEE, WHICH HAD BEEN ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESOLUTION 3396 (XXX) ON THE GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA. IN THAT INSTANCE, ALL THE MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING THE ADMINISTERING POWER, HAD JOINED IN APPROVING BY CONSENSUS A SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO BRING AND END TO THE ANOMALY EXISTING IN THE TERRITORY. WHILE IT WAS A CAUSE FOR DEEP REGRET THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO SECURE A CONSENSUS WITH REGARD TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, SHE WAS OF THE FIRM VIEW THAT THE APPARENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE POSITION OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS AND THAT OF THE FEW WHICH HAD ABSTAINED IN THE VOTING, WERE BASICALLY NOT DIFFERENCES OF SUBSTANCE BUT OF PROCEDURE, AND THAT THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER AS TO THE UNANIMITY OF THE VIEWS HELD BY ALL MEMBERS WITH REGARD TO THE NEED TO INTENSIFY, AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, ALL EFFORTS TO CONTINUE TO ISOLATE THE MINORITY REGIME UNTIL THE ATTAINMENT OF MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE.

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WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA, SHE WAS SURE THAT SHE REFLECTED THE GENERAL FEELING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN SHE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE EXTENSION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, AS INDICATED IN THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE CURRENT SESSION ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE. IT WAS A SOURCE OF SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT THE RESOLUTION ON THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA AS A

WHOLE CONTINUED TO BE DENIED THE SUPPORT OF SEVERAL WESTERN COUNTRIES

ADMITTEDLY, THE ADMINISTRATION BY AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY OF A TERRITORY IN WHICH IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO SECURE A PHYSICAL PRESENCE, ABOUNDING IN IMPERFECTIONS AND WAS UNDERSTANDABLY SUBJECT TO CRITICISM.

YET IT SHOULD BE KEPT UPPERMOST IN MIND THAT THERE
EXISTED A CLEAR-CUT LINE OF DEMARCATION BETWEEN CONSTRUCTIVE
CRITICISM AND OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS DESIGNED TO
PERPETUATE THE STATUS QUO. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECREE FOR
THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF NAMIBIA, ENACTED
BY THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, FOR INSTANCE,

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MIGHT BE FRAUGHT WITH BOTH PREDICTABLE AND UNPREDICTABLE
DIFFICULTIES, YET IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN MIND THE
FACT THAT IT WAS THE VERY FIRST INSTRUMENT OF ITS KIND
PROCLAIMED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TERRITORY. IF IT WAS TO BE REJECTED ON THE GROUNDS OF
LEGISLATIVE OR JURIDICAL IMPERFECTIONS, MEMBERS SHOULD THEN ASK
THEMSELVES, WHAT ALTERNATIVES WERE LEFT TO SAFEGUARD THE NATURAL
RESOURCES OF NAMIBIA. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE ONUS WAS ON
THOSE MINORITY MEMBERS WHICH CONTINUED TO ENGAGE IN TRADE WITH SOUTH
AFRICA IN DISREGARD OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE NAMIBIANS
OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, EITHER TO TERMINATE
SUCH ACTIVITIES OR TO ABIDE BY THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE
DECREE.

THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO HEARD THE OFT-REPEATED CRITICISM
THAT THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF NAMIBIA RECOGNIZED
BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA
PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (SWAPO), WAS NOT THE SOLE AND
AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. SHE

BELIEVED THAT MEMBERS MUST CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS
INHERENT IN THE CONCEPT OF REPRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY OAU WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
UNITED NATIONS. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TERRITORIES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, WHERE COMPLETE SUPPRESSION OF POPULAR DEMOCRACY AND
BRUTAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID AND RACIAL
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DISCRIMINATION PREVAILED, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE TRUE
VOICE OF THE PEOPLES OF THESE TERRITORIES CONCERNING THEIR
GENUINE ASPIRATIONS COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT BE HEARD WITHOUT
THE GROUPS OF COURAGEOUS INDIVIDUALS ORGANIZED AS THE NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS CONCERNED--THE GROUPS OF INHABITANTS
OF THE COLONIAL TERRITORIES WHICH THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE UNITED STATES, IN A RELATED CONTEXT AT THE 1859TH MEETING
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, HAD CORRECTLY TERMED THE "LEGITIMATE
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS". THEREFORE, WHEN ONE SPOKE OF
THE REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS,
OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY OAU IT
WAS NOT A QUESTION OF A JURIDICAL CASE OF RECOGNITION BY THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF A NATION-STATE, OR A
GOVERNMENT FOR THAT MATTER, BUT RATHER OF ENSURING THAT THE
FREELY EXPRESSED VIEWS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE
TERRITORIES WERE DULY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE PROCEEDINGS
RELATING TO THOSE TERRITORIES. AS WAS WELL KNOWN, THE
RECOGNITION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SWAPO AS THE SOLE AND
AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIANS THEREFORE DID NOT PRECLUDE
THE ASSEMBLY ORGANS, THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA
OR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24, FROM ENABLING ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS
OR GROUPS TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATING TO
THEIR COUNTRY, SINCE THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS HAD, WITHOUT
DISCRIMINATION, THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK OUT ON THEIR
COUNTRY'S FUTURE. INDEED, SHE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THOSE BODIES WOULD
CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE
PEOPLES OF THE TERRITORY ON THE WIDEST POSSIBLE BASIS, IN THE
LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT REGRETTABLY, THE DISPATCH OF VISITING
MISSIONS TO NAMIBIA, OR FOR THAT MATTER TO ZIMBABWE, APPEARED TO
BE OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR THE TIME BEING.

ON THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF
ASSISTANCE TO THE COLONIAL PEOPLES BY THE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,
SHE WAS CONSTRAINED TO OBSERVE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE
ADMINISTERING POWERS AND THEIR FRIENDS WHO HAD ADVOCATED INTENSIFIED
ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORIES CONCERNED, WERE THE VERY
MEMBERS WHO HAD PERSISTED IN THEIR REFUSAL TO SUPPORT THE
PROPOSALS IN FAVOUR OF THE SUFFERING PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE
AND THEIR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SHE WISHED TO DRAW THE
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ATTENTION OF THOSE WHO HAD LECTURED THE COMMITTEE ON THE DANGER OF POLITICIZING THE WORK OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER WHICH ENVISAGED A ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED IN RELATION TO THE TRUST AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES, IN COOPERATION, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH THE STATES ADMINISTERING THOSE TERRITORIES. IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE, WHERE NO EFFECTIVE ADMINISTERING POWERS EXISTED, THE CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY OR ORGANIZATIONS WAS ALL THE MORE SERIOUS. THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA

AND ZIMBABWE WERE NOT EXPECTING A SUPPLY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; THEY WERE SEEKING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED SO AS TO COMBAT HUNGER, DISEASE AND DEPRIVATION. INDEED, A NUMBER OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WERE ALREADY IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE MOVE TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLES CONCERNED, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING AS OBSERVERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES OF THOSE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, IN KEEPING WITH THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE QUESTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24.

AS FOR THOSE FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH OPERATED IN THE COLONIAL TERRITORIES IN TOTAL DISREGARD OF THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR INHABITANTS, SHE WAS COMFORTED TO NOTE THAT MOST OF THE ADMINISTERING POWERS HAD IN RECENT YEARS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONSCIOUS OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF THE SUBJUGATION OF INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC INTERESTS TO PURELY COMMERICALLY-MOTIVATED FORE-

IGN INTERESTS, AND THAT MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN, ALBEIT IN VARYING DEGREES, TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF SUCH ACTIVITIES, IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. IN RESPECT OF NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA, HOWEVER, THE PROSPECT FOR THE EARLY TERMINATION

OF THOSE DAMAGING ACTIVITIES WAS FAR FROM PROMISING, SINCE THOSE FOREIGN INTERESTS HAD PERHAPS BEEN LEFT TOO LONG TO PLUNDER, AS THEY PLEASED, THE NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES OF THE TWO TERRITORIES. THE FACT THAT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ITEM HAD ONCE AGAIN FAILED TO RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF MANY OF THE TRADING PARTNERS OF THE MINORITY REGIME IN PRETORIA WAS

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TO BE DEEPLY REGRETTEED. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND THE MINORITY RACIST REGIME

IN SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUED TO DERIVE COMFORT AND SUPPORT, WHETHER INTENDED OR UNINTENDED, FROM THE PERSISTENT DISREGARD BY THOSE MEMBER STATES OF THE GENUINE INTENTS AND PURPOSES OF THE MEASURES CALLED FOR IN THE RESOLUTION. SHE WISHED TO APPEAL MOST SINCERELY TO THOSE MEMBERS TO RECONSIDER THEIR NEGATIVE ATTITUDE BECAUSE THEY HAD MUST TO OFFER IN THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO BRING ABOUT THE RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE PEOPLES OF THE TERRITORIES.

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ON A FEW OF THE TERRITORIES WHICH HAD BEEN EXAMINED, IT WAS TO BE REGRETTED THAT NEITHER THE COMMITTEE NOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAD BEEN ABLE TO REACH A UNANIMOUS ACCORD ON THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION. IT WAS HER FIRM CONVICTION THAT, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NATURE OF DISPUTES REGARDING SOVEREIGNTY OR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS OR COUNTER-CLAIMS THAT MIGHT EXIST, THE COMMITTEE'S BASIC GUIDING PRINCIPLE REMAINED UNCHANGED, NAMELY RESPECT FOR THE FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORIES CONCERNED. SHE WISHED IN THAT REGARD TO STRESS ONCE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE AND SERIOUSNESS OF THE SOLEMN OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE ADMINISTERING POWERS HAD UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER AND THE DECLARATION. SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES COULD NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE RENOUNCED UNILATERALLY.

WITH RESPECT TO THE REMAINING TERRITORIES, THE COMMITTEE HAD, FOR THE FIRST TIME, FORMULATED SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PARTICULAR SITUATION OBTAINING IN MOST OF THOSE TERRITORIES. IN THAT CONNEXION, SHE WISHED ONLY TO EXPRESS HER SINCERE HOPE THAT OTHER TERRITORIES IN ADDITION TO BELIZE, THE SEYCHELLES AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, WHICH HAD ALREADY SEEN THE EMERGENCE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT, WOULD SOON ATTAIN SELF-RULE ON THE BASIS OF THE FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THEIR INHABITANTS, AND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN THE CONTINUED OPPORTUNITY

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TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THOSE EXERCISES. AS SHE HAD STATED EARLIER, THE FULL AND UNRESERVED CO-OPERATION OF THE ADMINISTERING POWERS WAS MOST ESSENTIAL TO THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND THE FOURTH COMMITTEE AND HE APPEALED TO THOSE ADMINISTERING POWERS TO ASSOCIATE OR CONTINUE TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE RELATED WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS BODIES CONCERNED.

FINALLY, SHE WISHED TO MAKE SOME BRIEF REMARKS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE COMMITTEE'S BUSINESS RELATING TO THE MANNER IN WHICH DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OR DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE WORKED OUT BY ITS MEMBERS. IT APPEARED THAT, WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, THOSE DRAFTS WERE PREPARED ON THE INITIATIVE OF MEMBER STATES WITHIN ONE, OR AT MOST TWO, REGIONAL GROUPS AND THAT,

IN MOST CASES, THERE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN A CONSPICUOUS ABSENCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE RELATED DEBATES FROM MEMBER STATES IN A CERTAIN GROUP. AT THE TIME OF VOTING ON THOSE PROPOSALS, HOWEVER, THERE WERE INVARIABLY MANY MEMBERS WITHIN THE LATTER REGIONAL GROUPS EXPLAINING WHY IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO SUPPORT SOME OR ALL OF THE PROPOSALS. SHE WONDERED WHETHER THAT WAS PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF INTEREST OR CONCERN ON COLONIAL ISSUES IN GENERAL, OR WHETHER IT MIGHT BE THAT CERTAIN STATES, BECAUSE OF THEIR VESTED INTERESTS, WERE INTENTIONALLY INDIFFERENT, OR EVEN OBSTRUCTIVE, TO MEASURES ENVISAGED TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION. SHE HOPED NOT. SHE BELIEVED THAT THE FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON COLONIAL QUESTIONS SHOULD NOT BE THE MONOPOLY OF A LIMITED FEW: IT SHOULD BE A JOINT AND CONCERTED EFFORT OF ALL THE MEMBERS. TO THAT END, IT WAS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT MEMBER STATES WHICH HAD RESERVATIONS OR DIFFICULTIES WITH SUCH PROPOSALS SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE OR PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE WORKING OUT OF FORMULAE MORE READILY ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, RATHER THAN REFRAIN FROM PUTTING FORWARD THEIR VIEWS EITHER IN THE DEBATE OR DURING CONSULTATIONS, ABSTAIN FROM SUPPORTING THE PROPOSALS, OR, AS HAD REGRETTABLY BEEN WITNESSED VERY RECENTLY AT A PLENARY MEETING, EVEN DENOUNCE THE EARNEST INTENTS AND AIMS OF THE DRAFTERS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS. SHE COMMENDED TO THOSE MEMBERS THE WISE EXAMPLE SET BY SOME OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, AND ESPECIALLY BY MR DUNCAN CAMPBELL OF AUSTRALIA.

IN THAT CONTEXT, SHE WOULD BE REMISS IN HER DUTY IF SHE FAILED TO
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EXPRESS HER DEEP GRATITUDE TO AMBASSADOR SALIM OF THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24,
FOR THE LEADING ROLE HE HAD, AS USUAL, PLAYED IN THE COMMITTEE'S
WORK, AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE EFFORTS HE HAD MADE TO RECONCILE
THE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS WHICH SOMETIMES EXISTED AMONG THE MEMBERS
CONCERNED.

SHE WAS CERTAIN THAT ALL THE MEMBERS WOULD AGREE THAT THE FUTURE
OF THE DEPENDENT PEOPLES WOULD BE DEFINITELY BRIGHTER IF THERE
WERE MANY MORE SALIMS. SHE WISHED TO EXPRESS HER MOST SINCERE
THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE CONSTANT
CO-OPERATION, UNDERSTANDING, PATIENCE AND ASSISTANCE HAD
HELPED TO LIGHTEN MUCH OF HER WORK AS CHAIRMAN. SHE ALSO WISHED TO
EXPRESS THE DEEP SATISFACTION AT THE ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP IN
WHICH THE DELIBERATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE THROUGHOUT
THE SESSION AND HER HOPE THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE IN THE
COMMITTEE'S FUTURE WORK. WHATEVER IT HAD BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH,
ITS ABILITY TO DO SO HAD BEEN GREATLY HELPED BY THE FACT THAT,
WHILE THE APPROACHES OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN MATTERS MIGHT
HAVE DIFFERED, MEMBERS HAD NONE THE LESS BEEN HONEST, SINCERE,
OPEN AND FRIENDLY TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER.

HER DEEP APPRECIATION WAS DUE TO HER COLLEAGUES ON THE BUREAU: THE
TWO VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR. VARGAS-SABORIO AND MR. ARAIM, AND
THE RAPPOREUR, MR. QUARTIN-SANTOS. SHE ESPECIALLY
WISHED TO PAY A TRIBUTE TO MR. ARAIM FOR HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS
WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE AFRO-ASIAN GROUP,
WHERE A NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS HAD BEEN FORMULATED. TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE BUREAU, SHE OWED A PERSONAL DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR
THEIR CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE.

HER SPECIAL THANKS ALSO WENT TO MR. TANG MING-CHAO, THE UNDER-
SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND DECOLONIZATION AND TO
MR. RIFAI, THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, FOR ALL THE ASSISTANCE
THEY PERSONALLY AND THEIR STAFF HAD GIVEN HER. HER PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STAFF HAD GIVEN HER THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING
ABLE TO RELY ON THEM, EVEN OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL DUTIES. SHE THANKED
THEM FOR THEIR UNDERSTANDING. SHE WISHED TO PAY A PERSONAL TRIBUTE
TO MR. TANAKA AND THE GROUP OF LOYAL, INDUSTRIOUS AND FAITHFUL
HELPERS WHO HAD WORKED DAY AND NIGHT TO MEET THE COMMITTEE'S
REQUIREMENTS. WITHOUT THEIR HELP, SHE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE
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TO CARRY OUT HER DUTIES AS EFFECTIVELY AS SHE HAD. SHE
ALSO WISHED TO EXPRESS HERE APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTION
OF THE INTERPRETERS, THE TRANSLATORS, THE CONFERENCE, DOCUMENTS
AND PRESS OFFICERS AND ALL THE OTHER SECRETARIAT STAFF WHOSE SER-
VICES WERE INDISPENSABLE FOR THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING
OF THE COMMITTEE.

IN CONCLUSION,SHE EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION TO ALL
THOSE WHO HAD HELPED TO MAKE THE WORK OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE
LESS BURDENSOME.

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